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# S. 1550

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28, 2005

Mr. DURBIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION FOR CHANGES TO REQUIREMENTS**  
 2 **FOR ADMISSION OF NONIMMIGRANT NURSES**  
 3 **IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE**  
 4 **AREAS.**

5 Section 2 of the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged  
 6 Areas Act of 1999 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note) is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**4-**  
 8 **YEAR**” and inserting “**SPECIFIED**”; and

9 (2) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the  
 10 following:

11 “(e) **LIMITING APPLICATION OF NONIMMIGRANT**  
 12 **CHANGES TO SPECIFIED PERIOD.**—The amendments  
 13 made by this section shall apply to classification petitions  
 14 filed for nonimmigrant status only during the period—

15 “(1) beginning on the date that interim or final  
 16 regulations are first promulgated under subsection  
 17 (d); and

18 “(2) ending on September 30, 2008.”.

19 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**  
 20 **ACT.**

21 The requirements of chapter 5 of title 5, United  
 22 States Code (commonly known as the “Administrative  
 23 Procedure Act”) or any other law relating to rulemaking,  
 24 information collection, or publication in the Federal Reg-  
 25 ister, shall not apply to any action to implement the  
 26 amendments made by section 1 to the extent that the Sec-

1 retary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Labor, or  
2 the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines  
3 that compliance with any such requirement would impede  
4 the expeditious implementation of such amendments.

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